

CASCADE COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2015

Call to Order

DUI Task Force president Barbara Bessette called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Pre-Release Center, noting that a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Roll Call

DUI Task Force Members

Cascade County Attorney designee: Ashley Wilkinson – **Present**
Cascade County Sheriff designee: Deputy Travis Grove – **Present**
City of Great Falls Chief of Police designee: Captain Jeff Newton – **Present**
Great Falls City Attorney designee: Cassidy Blomgren – **Excused Absence**
State of Montana Highway Patrol District II Chief designee: Trooper David Baggs – **Present**
Great Falls Victim-Witness Services designee: Savannah Hilton – **Excused Absence**
State of MT Adult Probation & Parole Regional Admin designee: Wayne Bye – **Present**
Montana Tavern Association Home Safe Program designee: Vince Kyle – **Excused Absence**
Gateway Recovery Center designee: Barbara Bessette - **Present**
Benefis Health Systems, Inc. Chemical Dependency Unit designee: J.T. Lute – **Excused Absence**
Great Falls Pre-Release Services, Inc. designee: Lisa Meyers – **Present**
Cascade County Commissioner: Jim Larson - **Present**
Great Falls Public Schools designee: Danielle Funseth – **Excused Absence**
Airmen Against Drunk Driving designee: Staff Sergeant Mark Brandly – **Present**
Citizen Members: Jim Whitaker - **Excused Absence**; Corin Fisch - **Present**; Mark Hewitt - **Present**
Task Force Coordinator: Jerry Kelley - **Present**

Members of the Public in Attendance

Nathan Steward, Intern with Misfits, LLC

2. Approval of Minutes from June 30, 2015

DUI Task Force members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. **Lisa Meyers motioned to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2015 meeting as presented. Travis Grove seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

3. Public Information Committee

Logo Entries: DUI Task Force members viewed and discussed the two logos that were chosen at last month's meeting with the recommended changes. Members present voted, and those unable to attend today's meeting gave their votes to Jerry Kelley. **The logo by Krista Sherman depicting the key and bottle was chosen.**

Radio PSA's: Barbara Bessette advised that she spoke to an advertising executive at STAR radio. They quoted a non-profit price of \$14.00 per month for four 30 second spots per week. Ms. Bessette will inquire if the Task Force qualifies as a non-profit for this purpose. STAR radio will also include the Task Force in their free public service announcement rotation. At the end of each ad, it will say "brought to you by the Cascade County DUI Task Force."

DD Buddy Update: Barbara Bessette will provide an update at next month's meeting.

4. Financial/Budget Performance Report and Requests for Payment/Purchases

DUI Task Force members reviewed the financial statements. \$98.68 was expended for 100 mouthpieces and tubes for the Cascade County Sheriff's Department. Jerry Kelley received verification of registration of two scholarship recipients, Aaron Hemphill and Serena Palmer, so \$1,000 was paid to each of them. The Task Force received \$10,950.88 in unspent DUI reinstatement fees as a result of House Bill 132. The Cascade County DUI Task Force account balance is \$54,397.51 as of July 20, 2015.

Fatal Vision Impairment Goggles: Jerry Kelly presented an Agenda Action Report for the monetary request of \$784.00 for the purchase of five sets of vision impairment goggles to be used for educational purposes for grades 7-12 and by the CARE program at Cascade County Public Schools. One pair would be used for the chemical awareness class and the remaining four will be utilized by the school resource officers. Jerry Kelley provided three motions for the Task Force's consideration. After a short discussion, **Jim Larson moved to approve the request to expend \$784.00 for the purchase of five sets of vision impairment goggles to be used by Great Falls Public Schools. Wayne Bye seconded, and there being no further discussion or public comment, the motion carried unanimously.**

Passive Alcohol Sensors: Jerry Kelley presented an Agenda Action Report for the monetary request of \$904.95 to purchase two passive alcohol sensors to be used by Great Falls High and Charlie M. Russell High school resource officers. After a short discussion, **David Baggs motioned to approve the request to expend \$904.95 for the purchase of two passive alcohol sensors to be used by the SRO's at GFH and CMR. Wayne Bye seconded, and there being no further discussion or public comment, the motion passed unanimously.**

5. Report from the Task Force Coordinator

Montana State Fair Display Vehicle: Jerry Kelley reported that the crashed vehicle is in the same place as last year inside the fairgrounds in a good location. Mr. Kelley gave those manning the Department of Transportation booth DUI Task Force product to hand out. Vince Kyle picked the vehicle up and will return it. The Task Force will reimburse him.

Holiday Village Mall School Days: In May Lisa Meyers and Jerry Kelley manned a booth representing the Cascade County DUI Task Force at a community day event at the mall. There will be another community day event August 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no cost to have a booth. Mark Hewitt and Barb Bessette volunteered to man the booth which will be downstairs in the center of the mall. The Task Force will participate in the community day event at the mall in October as well.

6. DUI Statistics and MIP-A Statistics

DUI arrests for June were as follows: Montana Highway Patrol – 11, Cascade County Sheriff – 4, and Great Falls Police Department – 12, for a total of 27 compared to 23 in June of 2014. There was a total of 19 minor in possession citations in June. The highest number of DUI arrests was attributed to the 21-25 year age group in fiscal year 2014-15.

7. MAFB Save Stats from Airmen Against Drunk Driving

SSGT Mark Brandly reported that Malmstrom had 25 saves and 0 DUI's in June. The base has a new command chief. SSGT Brandly will be meeting with the chief next week and will be suggesting some changes to the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program. SSGT Brandly commented that he has an idea for a bottle opener on a key chain with the AADD phone number. Mark Hewitt suggested having air fresheners made with the AADD phone number to hang on rearview mirrors. SSGT Brandly added that

they could possibly team up with garages near the base and put the phone number on oil change stickers. If there is not enough room, an additional sticker could possibly be added.

8. Kudo Cards

No Kudo cards were awarded this month.

9. Round Robin

Jim Larson reported that the fair is busy and the horse races on Saturday and Sunday were full. There was close to 4,000 people at last night's concert. There was a lot of alcohol, but it seems like everyone was behaving.

Ashley Wilkinson suggested that once a decision is made on the logo colors to have t-shirts and other items printed to give away.

David Baggs compiled a compact disk with images of motor vehicle crashes as a result of driving under the influence. Trooper Baggs confirmed that the pictures are from five or more years ago and there are no identifying features. Jerry Kelley and Lisa Meyers will review the CD and choose pictures that would be appropriate for the website and Facebook page.

Jerry Kelley would like to have another banner made with our new logo once a color is chosen. Task Force members viewed and discussed the color options. **Wayne Bye motioned to use the red and blue color scheme. Lisa Meyers seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.**

Jeff Newton updated the task force on recent promotions and officer changes at the Great Falls Police Department.

David Baggs advised that Chad Dever has been promoted to captain and is the new district commander, and Bob Armstrong was promoted to major.

10. Public Comment

Nathan Steward commented that he believes any effort in prevention is effort well spent.

Adjourn

At 4:10 p.m. Jeff Newton motioned and Wayne Bye seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 25, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Pre-Release.

Citizen Member Expiration Dates: Corin Fisch – June 30, 2016
Mark Hewitt – June 30, 2017
Jim Whitaker – June 30, 2017

Letters to the Editor: August – Corin Fisch
September – Barbara Bessette
October – Lisa Meyers
November – Travis Grove
December – SSGT Mark Brandly